Inside Workings of Censorship Explained by British Secretary

lan MacPherson Tells How All Possible News Leaks Are Sealed Up, Describes Creation of Boards and Reveals Privileged Position of the Press

British Opposed

"'We are not accustomed in this country to any form of press censorship,' said the writer. 'The very name is abhorrent to our traditions. The British people would quickly become impatient under prolonged ignorance of what their fleet and armies were coing, and if such restrictions as would meet the requirements of the case were to be telerated it must be on the clear understanding that the Admiralty

By ARTHUR S. DRAPER

Leadon, July 1.—Perhaps the censor tas friends, but so has the income tax is friends, but so has the income tax invisible writing, and telegrams may be worded so as to convey a secret message. It is the duty of the censor-ship to detect and destroy the value of the strategic deployment of the French newspapers, directly or indirectly, first, in July, for information of the strategic deployment of the French newspapers, directly or indirectly, first, in July, for information of the strategic deployment of the Knagus, at the time touch was lost, for knowledge of these devices.

"From such a censorship as this it is not possible to exempt the press. But it is possible to exempt the press, But it is possible to exempt the press has been given privi lished a leading article on their correlished a leading article on their corre-spondent's communication, observing that they recognized the difficulty of the problem of press censorship in Great Britain on grounds which would appeal very strengly to the American

tacled villain, with a head filled at secrets filched from your letters, us you imagine. If he is the kind of the whom I have come in more or es close contact with in this war, he 11 higgish fellow, with a good story To Censorship and a hearty laugh and a fine assortnut of explanations and excuses. He san officer in the army or navy, and is a stickler for rules and reguions, but he is not the double-dyed main so many of us have painted him. The chief censor at the Admiralty is faptain Sir Douglas Brownrigg, of the strictions as would meet the requirements of the case were to be to the grand any. General George Cockerill, it the General Staff, director of special intelligence at the War Office, directs its imperial cable and postal censoriphs. They are big men—big in bulk, it is brains and big in power. They usell three. Around them they have pittered a trem-ridous force of trained series. In the last three years millessed with a most on the last three years millessed which sharp eyes. Mistaked have been made. Things have gone have been made. Things have gone have been "killed" and other letters have hen passed which have been of assistance to the enemy; other articles have been "killed" and other letters have been spassed which have been of assistance to the enemy; other articles have been staff, of war, of those responsible for the action taken; only the guarded against.

"Negotiations on these lines were opened with the press, out attempts to proceed by way of legislation failed, and the problem was left unsolved until about a year before the outbreak of the present war. Then, as a result of negotiations between the press, on the one hand, and the Admiralty and war office, on the other, a joint committee, called the Admiralty and war office, on the other, a joint committee, called the Admiralty and war office, on the other, a joint committee, called the Admiralty and war office, could not be published without detriment to national interests.

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British expeditionary force—whether
in France, in Egypt, in Salonica, in
Mesopotamia or in East Africa—is responsible for the censorship of all
communications from the area of operations."

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allows between the several fleets and
sireless stations in the United Kingcommittee acted in peace. The bureau exists not to dictate to the press, still
less to coerce them, but to afford them
guidance on any matter connected with
the publication of news in regard to
which they may find themselves in
doubt. So far, therefore, as the publication of matter in this country is
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within the United Kingdom is to reach the enemy—otherwise than through publication in the press, which is the quickest channel of all—it must be sent to him or to some intermediary in communication with him, either through the post, or by telegraph, or by hand. If there were no compulsory censoring of this class of matter, information could be sent with the greatest ease.

"In order to avoid leakage in this way it is obviously necessary that althe ordinary channels of communication between the United Kingdom and the outside world, i. e., communicathe outside world, i. e., communica-tion by post, telegraph and by hand, must be controlled. In this connec-tion, too, it must be remembered that postal packets or letters carried by hand may contain messages written in invisible writing and telegrams may

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the several government departments and branches of the War Office concerned all naval and military information derived from the censorship that may be of use to them. Fourth—To deny the use of British cables to any person or firm, whether British, Allied or neutral, for commercial transactions intended for the benefit of the enemy.

Subject to the efficient discharge.

Fourth—Printed matter and press messages sent into and out of the United Kingdom by other means Fifth Parcels.

Letters coming direct from the area of military operations are in most cases censored locally, under the order of the field marshal or general officer commanding the British forces in the field. Those which appear to have escaped censorship are sent by the Postoffice to the censors in London for examination.

There is considerable difference between Britain and America in regard to the needs of censorship, chief of which is their different geographical positions. An English newspaper reaches Holland the day of its publication, while an American paper is at least ten days old when it arrives there. Most kinds of military information must be fresh to be valuable. British officials are watching censorship developments with the greatest interest. sorship developments with the greatest interest.

Indiana Graft Hunt Still On After 3 Years

Indianapolis Chief's Conviction Ends One Period of Campaign

Big Game Is in Sight

Ex-Gunman's Ambition Helped State to Cast Off Shackles of Corruption

Indianapolis, July 7 .- The house cleaning project which the State of of the bureau for this purpose. From this arrangement the press derives two great advantages—priority over less ago shows no signs of flagging energy urgent messages, and censorship by men who are in touch with the censors of press copy voluntarily submitted and under the same executive control. paragraph telling of the conviction of the chief of police of Indianapolis for conspiracy to commit fraud in the

And under the same executive control. Prass Stands in a favored Position

"It will thus be seen that the press stands in a favored position. As regards the publication in this country of matter originating here, it is unersensored, except on the initiative of the editor. It is bound by the same laws as the rest of the community, but no prosecution can be instituted in the mass of a press offence, except by direction of the public prosecutor. As regards the receipt or dispatch of news in or from the United Kingdom, the press is subject to the same control as the rest of the public but is accorded special facilities and prior prosecutors are the public but is accorded special facilities and prior press copy after the press of the Press Bureau under the orders of the Press Bureau under the orders of the Press Bureau is not a large intelled to the press copy and the press copy and the press copy and the press copy and the press copy of the press copy and the press copy of the press of the press copy of the press of the press copy of the press c

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cables to any person or firm, whether British, Allied or neutral, for commercial transactions intended for the benefit of the enemy.

Subject to the efficient discharge of these duties, they have orders to interfere as little as possible with legitimate British and neutral trade.

The postal censors have practically the same duties, but their job is a much larger one. Linguists who can read and translate every language are employed in this branch of the series of employed in this branch of the series of war in the United Kingdom and in the working companies with the British expeditionary forces and of British prisoners in enemy and neutral countries.

Second Private correspondence to and from certain foreign countries.

Third—Commercial and financial correspondence with the same countries.

Tow years ago indictments were returned against Mayor Bell of Indianapolis and Tom Taggart, hotelkeeper at French Lick and chief of the Democratic organization in the state. Bell was acquitted. The case against Taggart was dismissed. But Indiana, backed by the Federal government, kept on. Eighty-three Evansville Republicans indicted, forty-one Democratic, Most of them pleaded guilty. A conspiracy charge at Gary is still awaiting trial.

It was Roach who started the prosecution in the case which finally marked the Indianapolis police chief as a criminal. Roach is out of it now, but Indiana does not intend to let up. The postal certain foreign countries.

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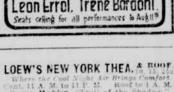
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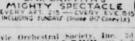
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